

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Prior to the present communication, claims 1-5, 7-15, 18-25 and 28-30 were pending in the subject application. Claims 1 and 7-9 have been amended herein. Accordingly, claims 1-5, 7-15, 18-25 and 28-30 remain pending. All claims currently pending and under consideration in the above-identified application are shown below. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing clinically related supply procurement, comprising:

a first interface to receive patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising items used and/or consumed during a clinical event;

a second interface to receive care provider preference data for said clinical event from the at least one clinically related site; and

an analytic engine, the analytic engine communicating with the first interface and the second interface, the analytic engine also to generate analytic reports that compare comparing alternative supply selection options based on prices supplied by at least two vendors for equivalent-items equivalent to those in the patient supply data and the care provider preference data, the analytic engine also generating analytic reports that compare the alternative supply selection options, based on prices supplied by at least two vendors.

2. (Previously Presented) A system according to claim 1, wherein the patient supply data further comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

3. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

4. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.

5. (Original) A system according to claim 4, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising the analytic engine report comprises comparing the alternative supply selection options based on~~ volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections.

8. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising the analytic engine report comprises comparing the alternative supply selection options based on~~ correspondence ratings between the care provider preference data and alternative supply selections.

9. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1, ~~wherein further comprising the analytic engine report comprises~~ comparing the alternative supply selection options with reports on the patient supply data broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, and cost ranges.

10. (Original) A system according to claim 1, wherein the care provider preference data is updated according to updated clinical supply policies.

11. (Previously Presented) A method for managing clinically related supply procurement, comprising:

receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising items used and/or consumed during a clinical event;

performing comparisons between alternative supply selections, wherein the comparisons comprise volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections from two or more vendors;

generating a comparative report that shows the alternative supply selections from two or more vendors; and

storing the comparative report.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the patient supply data further comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

14. (Original) A method according to claim 11, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.

15. (Original) A method according to claim 14, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the comparative report comprises correspondence ratings between care provider preference data and alternative vendor supply selections.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, further comprising a step of generating comparative reports on the patient supply data broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, and cost ranges.

20. (Original) A method according to claim 11, further comprising a step of updating the care provider preference data according to updated clinical supply policies.

21. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media having computer-executable instructions embodied thereon for performing a method for generating a clinically related supply policy, the method comprising:

receiving patient supply data captured from at least one clinically related site, the patient supply data comprising items used and/or consumed during a clinical event;

performing comparisons between alternative supply selections, wherein the comparisons comprise volumetric pricing information as a function of alternative supply selections;

generating a comparative report that shows the alternative supply selections; and

storing the comparison report.

22. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 21, wherein the patient supply data further comprises at least one of surgical device information, pharmaceutical information, and consumable material information.

23. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 21, wherein the clinically related site comprises at least one of a hospital facility, a research facility and a government facility.

24. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 21, further comprising receiving care provider preference data for said clinical event from the at least one clinically related site, wherein the care provider preference data comprises a preference card.

25. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 24, wherein the preference card comprises selections for at least one of surgical devices, pharmaceutical selections and consumable material selections.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 21, wherein the comparative report further comprises correspondence ratings between care provider preference data and alternative supply selections.

29. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 24, wherein the method further comprises generating the comparative reports broken down according to at least one of clinical procedure type, clinical department, patient demographic categories, vendor information and cost ranges.

30. (Previously Presented) One or more computer-readable media according to claim 24, wherein the method further comprises updating the care provider preference data according to updated clinical supply policies.